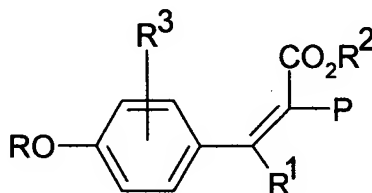


Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification according to the following:

Please replace the paragraph added with the previous response (that intended to replace the paragraph that begins on page 6, line 8 of the application and ends on page 8, line 17 of the application) with the following amended paragraph:

The UV inhibitors used in the method of this embodiment are disclosed in U.S. Patent Number 4,617,374 the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference. The UV inhibitors have formula I:



I

wherein,

R is hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl, substituted aryl, cycloalkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, or alkenyl;

R¹ is hydrogen, or alkyl, aryl, or cycloalkyl, all of which may be substituted;

R² is hydrogen or any radical which does not interfere with condensation with the polyester;

R³ is hydrogen or 1-3 substituents selected from alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkoxy, substituted alkoxy, and halogen;

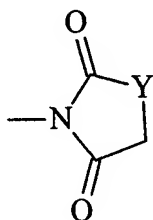
P is cyano or a group selected from carbamyl, aryl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, heterocyclic, alkanoyl or aroyl, all of which groups may be substituted.

Preferred ~~methane~~ methine compounds are those of the above formula wherein:

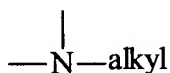
R² is hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cyanoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, hydroxyalkyl or aryl;

R is selected from hydrogen; cycloalkyl; cycloalkyl substituted with one or two of alkyl, alkoxy or halogen; phenyl; phenyl substituted with 1-3 of alkyl, alkoxy, halogen,

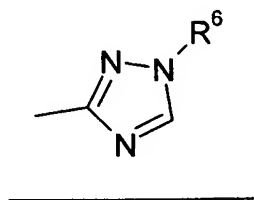
alkanoylamino, or cyano; straight or branched lower alkenyl; straight or branched alkyl and such alkyl substituted with 1-3 of the following: halogen; cyano; succinimido; glutarimido; phthalimido; phthalimidino; 2-pyrrolidono; cyclohexyl; phenyl; phenyl substituted with alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, cyano, or alkylsulfamoyl; vinylsulfonyl; acrylamido; sulfamyl; benzoysulfonicimido; alkylsulfonamido; phenylsulfonamido; alkenylcarbonylamino; groups of the formula



wherein Y is -NH-,



-O-, -S-, or -CH₂O-; -S-R⁴; SO₂ CH₂ CH₂SR⁴; wherein R⁴ is alkyl, phenyl, phenyl substituted with halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, alkanoylamino, or cyano, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, benzoxazolyl, benzimidazolyl, benzothiazolyl, or a radical of the formulae



-NHXR⁵; -CONR⁶R⁶; and -SO₂NR⁶R⁶; wherein R⁶ is selected from H, aryl, alkyl, and alkyl substituted with halogen, phenoxy, aryl, -CN, cycloalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylthio, or alkoxy; X is -CO-, -COO-, or -SO₂-; R⁵ is selected from alkyl and alkyl substituted with halogen, phenoxy, aryl, cyano, cycloalkyl, alkylsulfonyl, alkylthio, and alkoxy; and when X is -CO-, R⁵ also can be hydrogen, amino, alkenyl, alkylamino, dialkylamino,

arylamino, aryl, or furyl; alkoxy; alkoxy substituted with cyano or alkoxy; phenoxy; or phenoxy substituted with 1-3 of alkyl, alkoxy, or halogen; and P is cyano, carbamyl, N-alkylcarbamyl, N-alkyl-N-arylcarbamyl, N,N-dialkylcarbamyl, N,N-alkyl-arylcarbamyl, N-arylcarbamyl, N-cyclohexylcarbamyl, aryl, 2-benzoxazolyl, 2-benzothiazolyl, 2-benzimidazolyl, 1,3,4-thiadiazol-2-yl, 1,3,4-oxadiazol-2-yl, alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, alkanoyl or aroyl. Most preferably, R¹ is hydrogen and P is cyano. The most preferred UV inhibitor is described by formula II:

